

## The Commonwealth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1900.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### W. H. Ailsbrook.

##### GROCERIES.

We are selling more Groceries and do better trade, than since we commenced business. We always try to please our customers by giving them the very best goods possible for the money. Give us a trial. We have just received a small lot of N. C. Hams. Very fine 12 cents.

PHONE 78.

#### W. H. Ailsbrook.

Put a few Freezers left. We can't get more at same price. Get one while they are cheap.

R. C. JOSEY'S Hardware Store.

EAR LOAD best building Lime.

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GREEN DOORS and WINDOWS. R. C. JOSEY & Co.'s Hd'w store.

YOU NEED a Refrigerator or an Ice Box, it will pay you to get one. We sell the "Siberia," known to be one of the best.

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#### N. B. Josey

Spent last week in New York City getting Summer and hot weather goods. Call and see the Big Bargains we are offering in Summer Clothing and Misses underwear. Straw hats for men, boys and girls. Laces, millinery, etc. Settling below value. New and fresh.

N. B. JOSEY.

Big Slipper and Summer Shoe sale on this week at N. B. JOSEY.

#### The Boers

##### Captured

100 of the British at the same time a few days ago, the papers said, and the news was demoralizing to the English People.

#### Good News

is always pleasant, but bad news is not desired.

Readers of THE COMMONWEALTH are fortunate in one particular, and that is they always find some kind of

#### Good News

in this column. Those who are Money to Spend, whether little or much, are the most interested. The good news is that at

#### Hoffman's

the poor and the rich alike get the value of their money, and something extra thrown in now and then.

It is the same

#### Good Chance

that the public has had for years to save money by trading with us, only with every passing year, month and week we give our customers more and better bargains. We are prospering in business and therefore we are in a position to treat our customers more liberally than if we were not.

#### We Have

nothing to conceal about the matter. We do business for a reasonable living profit, and give our customers the same chance.

What is further true, we cannot and would not compel any to

#### Buy From Us.

The goods are kept in stock, the

#### Very Best Quality

and always in Liberal quantity, and at Lowest Prices. You can examine and buy if you like and we shall be glad to sell.

You can examine and not buy if you don't like, but go elsewhere and buy. In that case we sell to some other customer.

#### But Remember

that your Best Chance is always with us whatever you buy.

Yours still to serve,

#### M. Hoffman & Bro.

SCOTLAND NECK

#### LAUNDRY

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LOW PRICES, 15 MONTHS EXPERIENCE.

One-Half Express charges paid on \$3 worth or more.

#### W. O. Smith,

Scotland Neck, N. C.

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## Scotland Neck Temperance Association meets the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month at 8:15.

LITTLETON FEMALE COLLEGE.—We call attention to the new advertisement of Littleton Female College. It is prosperous and under the vigorous management of President Rhodes its efficiency is all the while improving.

Mrs. HARRIS' CHILD DEAD.—The Greenville Reflector says that the infant daughter of Mrs. Blanche Harris, sister of the late J. L. Harris, died in Rocky Mount and was carried to Greenville for burial Monday.

BROKE HIS ARM.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White fell and hurt his arm badly one day last week. They brought him to town to a physician but the arm was so badly swollen it was hard to tell just how much it was hurt. The physician said that if it was broken it was only one bone.

ADVERTISE ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—Hot weather does not compel nor induce the public to deny themselves any of the necessities, comforts, or luxuries of life. In the hottest days of summer they have wants that must be satisfied, and then, as in other seasons, they purchase where they are invited to deal. It therefore behooves the wise merchant to advertise liberally all the year 'round, without regard to climatic phenomena.—Philadelphia Record.

#### "The Gilded Youth."

This popular play will be rendered in Temperance Hall Thursday night, June 14th, by Miss Mary Whitehead and pupils of Bethel, N. C. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Baptist church at Bethel.

The play is fine, the cause a good one and the public will do well to patronize it liberally.

Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Whitehead's drug store.

#### Morning Mail Restored.

THE COMMONWEALTH has succeeded in getting the morning freight mail restored. The Department promised us, as was seen in the correspondence we printed last week, that it should be restored if it could be done consistently. For several days the people of the town have again been getting their accustomed morning mail.

It is hoped that the Raleigh newspaper men will look after their interest in having their papers come by the morning mail from Weldon instead of 10:30 from the south by way of Rocky Mount.

#### Cottage Home School Commencement.

The first annual commencement exercise of the "Cottage Home" school, of which Miss Lena Smith is principal, took place in her school building Thursday night last, June 7. Quite a crowd gathered to witness the exercises and many had to go away for lack of sitting room.

The performance was of a high order and showed careful training by the teachers, who are Misses Lena Smith, Nan Smith, and Georgie Bosley.

The entertainment for the most part consisted of music which reflected much credit on the excellent training by Miss Nan Smith.

Statue posing was also presented, and the Grecian costumes combined with the dramatic action was a thing of marvel, grace and beauty.

Miss Annie Phelps won the prize for proficiency in the rudiments of music.

At the close of the exercises the prize was presented in very appropriate remarks by Prof. A. B. Hill, of the Fayetteville graded school.

Ice cream and cake were sold on the lawn. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Episcopal church, and together with the proceeds of the cream and cake sold at the closing exercises of the Vine Hill Female Academy the week before, amounted to about \$80.

#### Delayed Observations of Wake For st.

These columns were so crowded last week we could not tell all about Wake Forest.

It was our good fortune to enjoy entertainment in the home of Prof. L. T. Mills, and whoever has once been a guest in his home will be glad of the opportunity a second time. We were indebted to him and his pleasant family for a good part of the pleasure of our stay.

We were impressed with the thorough preparation the Cotton Mill Company at Wake Forest is making for the successful operation of the new mill to be built there. We visited the site about a mile from the town. The hillside was being dug away for the foundation, and the houses for operatives were being built. Some of them were seemingly about completed even before the foundations of the mills are laid. And this is one of the things that impressed us—a little town of town and the houses for operatives to be ready long before the mills are ready.

Could a suggestion from this? When the Wake Forest people start their cotton mill, which is to be quite a large one, they will have no trouble in finding houses in which to place their operatives; while in Scotland Neck, after we have had a successful mill for about ten years, many are kept from the privilege of working in the mill because they cannot find houses to live in. It is clear that the mills ought to own their houses.

But back to Wake Forest: The town has greatly improved in business and beauty during the past decade and it is an ideal place for students to live and study.

## ADRIFT.

### The Ebb And Flow Of The Ceaseless Tide As They Come And Go.

Miss Pattie Shaw went to Tarboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Camp spent Sunday at Conoho.

Miss Pattie Vaughan went to Tillery Monday.

Mrs. H. W. Blake went to Tillery last week.

Mr. W. K. Hurst, of Conoho, was in town last week.

Mr. W. T. Tyler paid a flying visit to Weldon Tuesday.

Misses Ida and Mamie Proctor went to Tarboro Saturday.

Mrs. B. I. Ailsbrook returned Saturday from a visit to Greenville.

Mrs. Burgess came down from Spring Hill Tuesday to visit relatives.

Miss Annie Fenner returned to Halifax Thursday after a visit here.

Mr. J. L. Bell came over from Asheboro last week to visit his parents.

Mr. S. D. Hancock and son, James, came down from Weldon Monday.

Miss Hilda Steptoe is visiting her cousin, Miss Eva Smith, in Kinston.

Mr. Frank Burroughs spent Sunday at his old home in Martin county.

Mr. J. T. Brinkley returned Saturday from a business trip through the South.

Mr. Edward Sulley, of Rockingham, was here last week visiting Mr. Jas. Cotton.

Miss Mary Whitehead came up this morning from Bethel, where she has been teaching.

Mrs. A. A. Hight, of Farmville, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. M. Fleming.

Mrs. M. M. Nelson went to Greenville Friday on a visit and returned Monday.

Mr. Robert Gray returned Monday from Williamston where he has been at school.

Miss Retta Johnson is home from Anaher, where she taught music this session.

Mrs. J. R. Pope spent a day in Weldon last week, visiting her sister, Mrs. B. A. Pope.

Miss Minnie Edmonds came down from Roanoke Rapids last week to visit friends.

Miss Harris returned to Tarboro Friday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. K. Ailsbrook.

Miss Nannie Smith has returned from Catawba county where she has been teaching.

Mr. David P. Stern is home from Chapel Hill where he was a student in the University.

Capt. W. H. Kitchin went to Duplin county last week, where he addressed the voters of that county.

Mr. Willie Lawrence, who has been in Williamston attending school, has returned home.

Miss Annie Lewis is home from Gastonia, where she has been for some time as milliner.

Mr. W. M. Gray left Monday for Gaston, where he has accepted a position at a saw mill.

Mrs. Edward Whitehead returned to her home in Tillery last week, after visiting Miss Ray Camp.

Miss Lena Watson returned to Conoho Friday after a visit here to Mrs. J. E. Woolard, her aunt.

Mr. W. T. Clawson, of the Wilmington Messenger, was a caller in THE COMMONWEALTH office last week.

Mrs. J. B. Keesh returned to her home in Tarboro Friday, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. W. B. Shaw.

Miss Annie Manning returned to her home in Henderson Friday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. W. Dunn.

Mrs. J. A. Manning, of Waverley, Va., is here on a visit to her sister, Miss Rosa Manning, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Horsey, of Philadelphia, are here on a visit to Mrs. Horsey's sister, Mrs. P. A. Rastberry.

Miss Sadie Perry has returned from Raleigh. Miss Perry was instructor in Latin in the Baptist Female University.

Miss Georgie Bosley returned to her home in Baltimore Friday. She was teacher here in Miss Lena Smith's school.

Mr. Riddick, of Wake Forest, is visiting his father-in-law, Mr. W. O. Allen near Farmville.

Miss Patten, of Nova Scotia, Canada, one of the teachers in the Baptist Female University in Raleigh, accompanied Miss Sadie Perry home last week.

Mrs. W. R. Bond left Monday for Raleigh, where she will visit Mrs. F. H. Busbee. She will visit Chapel Hill before returning.

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Miss Nan Smith left Tuesday for Morehead City where she will remain a few days prior to a visit to Durham where she will attend the Conservatory of music.

Misses Maggie Shields, Estelle Johnson, Hulda Josey and Ruth Pope have returned from Raleigh, where they have been students in the Baptist Female University.

Miss Nelle Pemberton, of Tennessee, has been here several days on a visit to Miss Nan Smith. Miss Pemberton will be remembered as one of the teachers here in Vine Hill Female Academy two years ago. Her friends are always glad to welcome her return.

Mr. W. J. Applewhite, who has been in charge of a squad of penitentiary hands working on the railroad being built from Aberdeen to Hope Mills, was here a day last week. He had brought the convicts to the State farm near Tillery to harvest the wheat crop.

Miss Pearl Jenkins, the popular art teacher of Vine Hill Female Academy, left Tuesday for Littleton, where she will remain a few weeks prior to a trip to Baltimore. While here Miss Jenkins has made numerous friends, her winning ways, together with her accomplishments, readily drew all who came in contact with her. Her friends hope for her return in the fall.

The Lenoir Topic says that "Mr. Louis R. Wilson, who has been teaching in Scotland Neck, has returned home and will spend the summer with his parents."

THE COMMONWEALTH speaks the opinion of the people of Scotland Neck generally in saying that Mr. Wilson's stay and work here have been highly appreciated by the public. He made the impression of a studious young man, conscientious and faithful to whatever duty came before him. He is highly esteemed by all and the people of Scotland Neck will count themselves fortunate if he should remain as one of the teachers in the Male Academy.

Miss Kitchin Becomes Mrs. Alexander.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., June 1, 1900.

The home of Rev. Mr. Eggleston, the Presbyterian minister, No. 109 Middle street, Portsmouth, Va., was the scene of a very pretty marriage on Thursday night, when Miss Pauline Kitchin became the wife of Mr. Donald Alexander.

The marriage was a very quiet one, only a few relatives and intimate friends being present. Promptly at 8:30 p. m. the folding doors between the double parlors swung open, admitting the groom from the right on the arm of Mr. Julian Kitchin, joining the bride with her maid of honor, Miss Annie Williams, near the centre of the room. The beautiful ring service was used, in which Mr. Eggleston in a solemn and impressive manner made them man and wife.

After receiving congratulations and best wishes from those present they repaired to the home of the bride, No. 814 Court street, where they will reside for the present. The groom is a native of South Carolina, but has lived in Norfolk and Portsmouth for the last two years. He is the popular young electrician for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, having recently been promoted to one of its highest positions. His pleasant and genial manner makes him a general favorite among his acquaintances.

The bride, formerly from Scotland Neck, N. C., her birth place and home for a number of years, needs no introductory words to the public. Although a resident of Portsmouth for eight years, where she has made a wide circle of acquaintances and friends, she has not been forgotten at home, where many knowing her best, appreciating her fine qualities, will join with one, a home girl, in wishing them every happiness that comes in a long wedded life where true hearts are united.

She was attired in a smart suit of "new blue," applique trimmings, hat and gloves to match, and carried Bride's roses. The presents were all useful and ornamental, most of them being silverware.

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Should We Support Our Schools?

In a town not three leagues from us a large and flourishing school of about 200 pupils began a few years ago to decline and to change principals, but finally had to suspend. This school, a source of revenue to the town in which it was situated, and able to furnish the best instruction for its patrons, failed when two or three small schools were built on account of disunion of sentiment among the citizens.

The large school which had been an ornament and pride of the town failed utterly. Now its recitation rooms and chapel are cut up and used for other purposes.

This is the result of disunion. "In union there is strength." It will be acknowledged that there is little revenue in schools at best, and when community schools fail to get the hearty support of the citizens they must languish.

It is the privilege of a community to demand good service, good instruction and good management. It is also the privilege of a school to expect hearty support from its citizens.

Town pride is no mean sentiment, and in this Scotland Neck is not wanting. Ought we not show it in reference to schools as well as in reference to factories, hotels, churches, streets and the like?

CITIZEN.

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